

Dublin March 15. 1865

Dear Mr May - he helped her some
money to send you for the Standard &
Liberator. I take the opportunity to thank
you for the books which came to Dublin
while I was gone being taking a holiday
among my dear wife's relations in Waterford
about 100 miles from Dublin. Her mother
is now in her 83rd or 84th year & in full
possession of her right reasoning & intellect,
though she is not strong has been a vigorous
woman. My father in law Mrs Palmer is
known to you by her substantial
help to the cause during many years.
Her eldest sister (but younger than my wife)
is Mrs Elizabeth Harvey, a very bright &
interesting woman with a ~~very~~ fine intellect
& amiable family of three sons & five daughters
such as you would not easily be surprised.
At least I never have.

I am quite troubled by the expense
the transmission of these parcels has been
to the American Society or to you & it occurs
to me that you may not be sorry to have a
few shillings worth of English Standard which I
have charged to the Am. Society & which if you
don't think you are likely to want can at
any time be returned in a letter & I will find credit
for them.

If you can find any private opportunity
of sending books or papers to Liverpool or
London or any part of the 3 Kingdoms
let the books or papers or manuscripts
(provided they are not letters) be made up
in ~~one~~ covers open at the ends & stand
at the rate of 2^p per ¹/₂ pound weight
or fractional part of a half pound
be put in the wrapper and the
parcel will come free to whomsoever
directed. Then will save the duty to
agents or ship when & reshipments
unless the parcel should be so bulky
as to make it best formed an expensive
way which is rarely the case when
you take into account all the charges
in New York, Liverpool & Dublin.

I wish Mrs May had written her
name on the beautiful & interesting book
she sent me. That is provided it be not
improper to say so. I would have valued
it all the more. I like every thing that
seems to bring me nearer to them. I love
& respect. I am by nature a hero wor-
shipper - not that I mean to call them heroes
a hero but I do not doubt she is better
than multitudes who have been crowned
with laurels & "immortal" bays. Dear me!
how transient are our petty immortality!

I send you two papers by this mail which
will show you how American affairs
are spoken of here. Read the article
from the Economist in the Manchester
Examiner & Times - I think on the
second page of the Penny Illustrated
Paper which has always contained
excellent remarks on the Northern
side. It has always been my opinion
that very few people in these countries
would have wished for intervention
against the Free States however they
may have sympathized with the South
as fighting against odds. Intense pro-
Union or intense seced were the causes
of all the misunderstanding or all the
blockade running. I have no doubt the
Lairds will come to grief before long.

As to England & Ireland, I believe that
there are 10 thousand men on your side
in England for 1 in Ireland in proportion
to the population. The Irish Catholics are
all pretty wadded to the other side. The
Irish protestants are nearly all Union.
Most of the exceptions in the latter category
are Quakers or of Quaker origin.

Will you send me the letter to H.C.W.
as soon as you conveniently can.

He tells me that his former talks of
coming to England this year. Is there any truth

in the report? If he comes, he will
I hope not pass me by. My house is
his house as the Spaniards say & I
will be glad to be of use to him in
any way in my power.

I wish of the letter which has the
addition enclosed a note of thanks to
Mr. Wilson for his present & if it
does not go I will feel obliged by
your expressing my gratitude for
thinking of one of the humbled labours
in the Anti Slavery cause to one
of the most efficient of its friends
& promoters, for the book he has so
kindly sent me & for all the good
work he has done. I have not
yet had time to read the book but
I can at a glance see the value of
it & that it is a useful summary of
some of the most important & eventful
discussions that have ever taken place
in a public assembly & national deliberative
assembly & in which the author was
one of the most effective speakers
With kind regards to you I am ever yours
R. D. Webb